

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Shinichi SAEKI et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: Application Branch**  
Filed July 24, 2001 : **Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1036**  
  
OPTICAL DISC, RECORDING APPARATUS, :  
AND COMPUTER-READABLE :  
RECORDING MEDIUM :  
**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional**  
**of Serial No. 09/671,107,**  
**Filed September 28, 2000)**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, between the title of the invention and the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":**

This is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of 09/671,107, filed September 28, 2000 which is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/502,779, filed February 11, 2000 now Patent No. 6,229,955 which is a Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/154,896, filed September 17, 1998 now Patent No. 6,078,727.

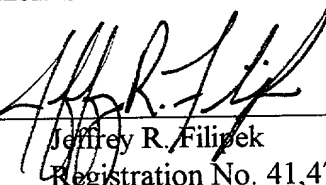
**REMARKS**

It is requested that the above amendments be entered prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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